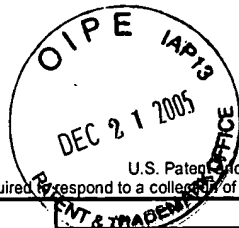




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Invention: INFLATOR					
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated September 21, 2005, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes:

- Amendments to the Specification;
- Amended Claim Set;
- Amendments to the Drawings;
- Remarks;
- Six (6) Replacement Drawing Sheets (Figs. 1-6);
- Substitute Specification; and
- Comparison Specification.

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